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Homegoing Service
for
Deacon Fairbanks Berry, Sr.
Tuesday, April 20, 1999
1:00 O'clock P.M.
St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church
Ludowici, GA
Rev. MacArthur Wilks, Pastor

Order of Service

Pictorial Memories

Biographical Sketch

Deacon Arnold Fairbanks Berry, Sr. was born October 14, 1905, in Tattnall County, Ga. to the late Agrippa and Mary Williams Berry. He departed this life at his home early on the morning of April 16, 1999. He accepted our Lord into his life at an early age. He initially joined the Greater Zachariah Missionary Baptist Church, Glennville, Ga. He later joined the St. Thomas Missionary Baptist Church, Ludowici, Ga. where he was loyal and dedicated member. During his many years with St. Thomas, he was ordained a deacon and later served as chairman of the Deacon Board and as Superintendent of Sunday School. Deacon Berry was also a dedicated supporter, member and officer of Hour Glass Lodge #113 where he served as Worshipful Master and Patron of the Laurel Growth Chapter #118, Order of Eastern Star, Ludowici, Ga.

He was joined in holy matrimony to Desiree Smith until her death and later Mamie Jane Smith, who also preceded him in death. To those unions were born eighteen children: Louise/Henry, Glennville, Ga., Arthur/Evelyn, Chicago, Il., Curtis/Sarah, Glennville, Ga., Marjorie, Glennville, Ga., Earl/Mary, Rocky Mount, NC, Barnard/Betty, Glennville, Ga., Geraldine (deceased), Madie/Stanley, Glennville, Ga., Warren/Linda (deceased), Chicago, Il., Fairbanks, Jr., Satellite Beach, Fl., Edna, Savannah, Ga., Levy/Shirley, Charleston, SC, William (deceased)/Jackie, Danville, Va., Bernita, Prairie View, TX, Christine, Savannah, Ga., George (deceased), Alton/Gwen, Racine, WI, Mayarnie (deceased), and adopted daughter Mildred Clanton, Pembroke, Ga. He had six brothers, all deceased; three sisters, two of whom are deceased, His surviving sister Madie Thomas resides in Surrency, Ga. Also surviving him are six sisters-in-law, Marietta, Carnell, Mary, Laura, Beatrice and Alice. Four brothers-in-law, Zenious, Jr., Kenneth, Henry, and Sidney. Thirty-seven grandchildren; forty-six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

"Grandpa"

My Dearest One

*My Dearest Ones, Don't Grieve For Me,
I'm Arriving, I'm Not Leaving -
Another Step In Eternity -
Cause For Rejoicing, Not Grieving.*

*Be Glad For The Happy Time We've Shared,
The Love and The Joys That Were Ours,
The Bright Sunny Days With Never A Care,
The Rainbow After The Shower.*

*This Is A Natural Thing I Do,
This Adventurous Thing Called Death,
But Life Does Not End, Not The Soul Cease To Be
By The Stopping Of Heartbeat And Breath.*

*Just look at you Grandpa, it's plain for us to see;
That you truly were loved by everybody.*

*Your smile showed your compassion and love;
Through your eyes we could always see
you were as gentle as a dove.*

*In your hair we saw the wisdom of your 93 years;
And the gray strands of experience
through the laughter and tears.*

*In your children that you would never let go astray;
We saw you guiding them and showing them the way.*

*In your hands we saw the work it took to get us where we are;
And hundreds of generations that have come so far.*

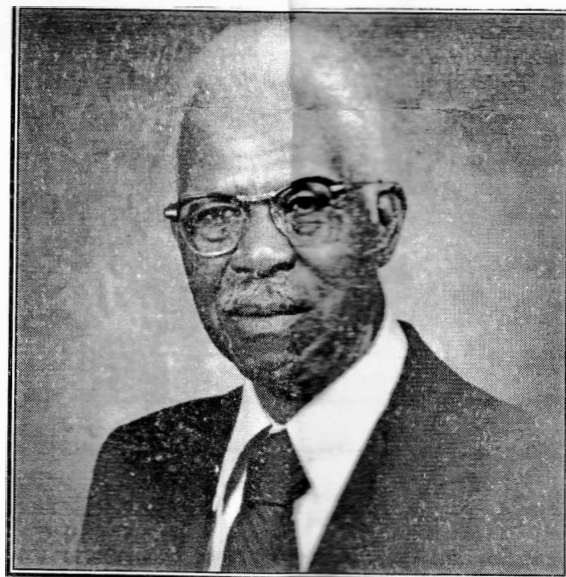
*In your face we saw the "Berry" heritage which we have
yet to find a flaw;
That you have given to all of us the man we love
"Grandpa"*

*A tribute on behalf of the Grandchildren
Written by Bryant C. Berry*

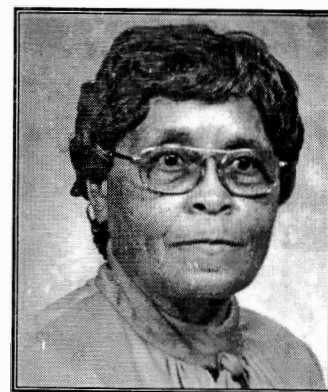
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Desiree Smith

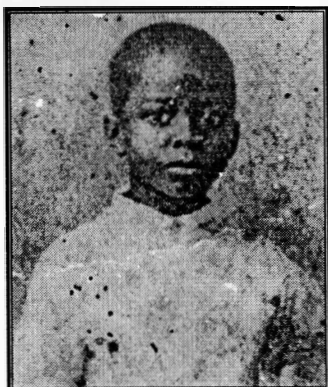


*Fairbanks Berry, Sr.
October 14, 1905
April 16, 1999*

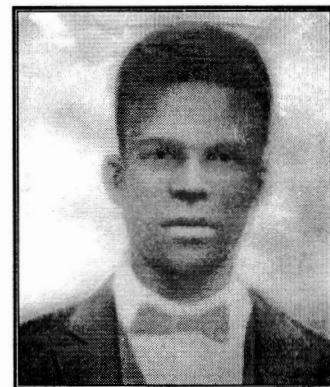


Mamie Jane Smith

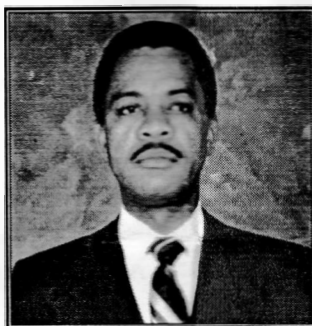
*Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
Psalm 23:6*



Fairbanks, Sr.



Fairbanks Sr.



William Berry

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Pallbearers and Acknowledgements

Active Pallbearers — Sons

Arthur Berry

Curtis Berry

Earl Berry

Barnard Berry

Warren Berry

Fairbanks Berry, Jr.

Levy Berry

Alton Berry

Honorary Pallbearers

*Deacons of St. Thomas Missionary Church
and Hour Glass Lodge No. 113*

Ushers and Flower Bearers

St. Thomas and Sister Churches

Acknowledgement

*Expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness
and friendship are most appreciated. Your
thoughtfulness has been a source of
comfort, courage and strength*

—The Family

**Interment
St. Thomas Church Cemetery
Ludowici, Georgia**

Hour Glass Lodge No. 113

**Services Entrusted to
King & Son's Funeral Home
Glennville, Georgia
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